## **Education Cabinet**

## Jobless rates down in 104 counties from March 2006 to **March 2007**

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**EDITORS NOTE: March county unemployment rate charts are** posted at http://workforce.ky.gov/March2007charts.pdf. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates fell in 104 Kentucky counties between March 2006 and March 2007, rose in 12 counties and remained the same in four counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training in the Education Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rates in the commonwealth at 3.9 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette County, 4.1 percent; Scott and Warren counties, 4.6 percent each; Boone County, 4.7 percent; Anderson, Franklin and Jessamine counties, 4.8 percent each; and Bourbon, Campbell, Daviess and Oldham counties, 4.9 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 14 percent. It was followed by Clay County, 12.3 percent; Magoffin County, 11.8 percent; Wolfe County, 11.5 percent; Owsley County, 10.7 percent; McCreary County, 10.3 percent; Menifee County, 9.8 percent; Morgan County, 9.6 percent; and Leslie and Muhlenberg counties, 9.5 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and counties figures.

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